

# Proposed state, congressional voting districts would shake up local elections

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Michigan's independent redistricting commission, which voters created during the 2018 election, approved 10 draft maps it created that would change the state's congressional, senate and house districts.

The commission, made of 13 random-

ly selected Michiganders, aims to cut down on gerrymandering — manipulating political boundaries to favor one party or class — and create more equal opportunity for Republican and Democratic candidates alike during elections.

Hometown Life communities, spanning across western Wayne and Oakland counties, could see major changes to their representative makeups if new

maps are adopted.

The commission created four congressional maps, three state senate maps and three state house maps for consideration, and the final maps can change from any of the current. The map versions for state house and senate maps have little to no variance between one another for local communities, but congressional maps vary far more.

The public is invited to share their thoughts on the maps in a series of public hearings later this month. The commission may edit its proposals following public input, and the state legislature will vote on a final proposal.

Here's what the changes could mean for your hometown:

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Kate Knight, executive director for Downtown Development for the City of Farmington, looks at the centerpieces of the city's Grand Raven Festival, Nick Jakubiak's six-foot-tall Old Tired Crow. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Ravens flock to downtown Farmington for October fun

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Once upon a midnight dreary, the ravens come; it's been yearly.

The Grand Raven Festival in downtown Farmington is in full swing, celebrating a bit of the macabre as Halloween approaches. The festival returns for its second year with programs and specials for young and old.

There are movies scheduled through the end of the month in the parking lot by Sidecar Slider Bar. The movies are free, though organizers ask that you bring a kids winter clothing item (new)

as a donation. Make sure to register to ensure a vehicle parking space for the movie. Blanket and lawn chair spots are first come, first served.

Movies start at 7:30 p.m. with pre-event festivities start at 7 p.m. The remaining movies this month: Hocus Pocus on Oct. 22 and Casper on Oct. 29.

The Farmington Civic Theater will get in on the movie action to. It plans to host a free showing of "Hotel Transylvania, 10:30 a.m. Oct. 30.

Kids can take advantage of some downtown trick of treating 1-3 p.m.

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A pumpkin decorated to announce Farmington's Grand Raven Festival.

## 'Mama' Mucci, inspiration for popular pasta company, dies

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From the ingredients she used to make her epic pasta, to her warm-hearted conversation style, Tilde "Margherita" Mucci was uniquely genuine.

The inspiration for Canton Township-based Mama Mucci's Pasta, Mucci, 83, died Oct. 10 at her Plymouth home. She spent her final moments with family, which was her favorite pastime along with cooking.

"Mom was old-school Italian; they don't make them like her any more," said Mucci's son, Vince. "She was a very loving, very genuine person. Whenever you ended a conversation with her, you'd feel complete; you'd feel better than you did before you talked with her."

Mucci's homemade recipe for authentic, home-style pasta — learned from her own mother in Montelongo,

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## Livonia may limit where abortion clinics can locate

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Livonia is considering whether it can limit where facilities that offer abortion services locate in the city.

Residents who live near the Planned Parenthood Livonia Health Center at Farmington Road and Rayburn Street contend the constant protests at the facility are a nuisance. The city is exploring whether it can make sure more residents don't face the same issue in the future.

Protests at the facility have been a commonality since Planned Parenthood, which offers a variety of pregnancy and health-related services, relocated its Livonia facility from Ann Arbor Road to Farmington Road in

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## Address worker shortages

There is a serious shortage of police, fire, emergency medical service workers and public works technicians, engineers, administrators and skilled workers.

This is a grave problem that needs to be looked at and corrected. These jobs pay well, and for good reason. The Americans who choose these lines of work are dedicated, attentive to detail, community service minded, conscientious and hard workers.

They provide for us the framework of safety and community that we need in order to pursue our own goals in life: families, friendships, work, recreation, advancement.

We have many problems but this core problem of not being able to maintain adequately staffed professionals causes us all undue difficulties in our daily lives.

The police protect us from criminals and harm and should those things befall us they are very often the first ones on the scene to set things right. Our fire departments ensure that if we should have or encounter fire or have some mechanical emergency that someone who knows how to deal with it will be on hand. Emergency service workers, daily, take actions that save lives. Public works professionals build and maintain the infrastructure around us, roads, water systems, parks, sanitary systems and ensure buildings are safe.

The bottom line is our shared responsibility. Why can't we maintain adequate staffing levels that are fair and safe?

Alfred Brock, Wayne

## Green-gray infrastructure needed

Urban centers in Southeast Michigan face an unprecedented infrastructure crisis due to the combination of historic disinvestment in critical water infrastructure coupled with the compounding effects of climate change that have caused repeated, and more frequent, catastrophic flooding.

Metro Detroit's aging infrastructure heavily relies on combined sewers that collect both sewage and surface water. Heavy rain can cause these combined sewers to overflow, resulting in untreated sewage flowing into rivers and lakes.

State leaders, as well as county and city officials, should prioritize the use of funds from the economic stimulus plan to fix this multi-billion dollar, failing system. Metro Detroit must invest in a combined green-gray infrastructure approach. Combined with the use of these economic stimulus dollars, state and local leadership should think critically about any requirements for matching dollars in grant funds, repayment requirements for bonds or other programs that require significant community-based resources.

Asking under-resourced communities to significantly foot the bill to fund infrastructure updates exasperates systemic inequity in managing environmental justice issues. We can only solve state and regional problems in a collective manner.

I urge the regional community to come together to develop a sustainable plan to ensure the delivery and maintenance of a safe and sustainable water supply for all residents. The Friends of the Rouge team would be eager to take a seat at the table to address this critical systemic issue.

Marie McCormick, Friends of the Rouge executive director

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## Farmington Hills city council candidates talk campaign plans

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It's that time of year again.

Election season is here, and Farmington Hills voters will elect three people to city council on Nov. 2.

Jon Aldred, Michael Bridges, Randy Bruce, Valerie Knol, Jacob Kovacs and Matthew Strickfaden all filed to run. Bridges and Knol are both running as incumbents, and Strickfaden was appointed to council earlier this year.

Once elected, council members serve four-year terms and make \$583.36 monthly in a nonpartisan capacity. The mayor leads the city council during meetings and generally serves as a community representative for various functions. Council appoints a mayor pro tem from among itself once a new board is seated.

**Jon Aldred**, 53, works in engineering and product management. He volunteers with the Committee for a Safe Farmington Hills, which is not a city-sponsored committee.

**Michael Bridges**, 64, has been on city council since 2008 and works as a business development manager. He's currently council's liaison to the commission on aging.

**Randy Bruce**, 62, is a neuropsychologist. Bruce has previously served Farmington Hills as a councilman.

**Valerie Knol**, 51, has been on council for eight years and works at Stellantis, an automobile manufacturing business.

**Jacob Kovacs**, 24, owns Platinum Tile and Mable LLC, a tiling business. He's a first time candidate for council.

**Matt Strickfaden**, 64, is a custom home builder and gymnastics coach. He was appointed to city council earlier this year.

Hometown Life sent questionnaires to each candidate seeking information on their backgrounds and platforms. Each question was given a 50-word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short.

**(Editor's note: Candidate responses appear in the Oct. 10 and Oct. 17 print editions. Candidate responses can also be found online at hometownlife.com.)**

## What's something currently not on the administration's radar you'd like to pursue?

**Knol:** Several new ideas currently being researched are updating the city's master plan and visioning plan,



Aldred



Bridges



Bruce



Knol



Kovacs



Strickfaden

a deer management plan, a community art/mural program and continuing to refine the programming at the new Hawk community center, as well as developing a business incubator.

**Kovacs:** I would like to increase voter participation as well as inform and involve our citizens in our local government. I believe it is a local government's duty to engage and be engaged with its people. A budget needs to be devoted for increasing community and government involvement.

**Strickfaden:** Implementation of all the wonderful initiatives outlined in my 20-year vision for Farmington Hills (FH20XL - VISION) which can be seen on my website at matt4council.org.

**Aldred:** I believe Farmington Hills has benefited from great leadership on council over the years. I would like to continue that legacy and to wisely put our taxes to good use. I would work with council to create solutions that keep costs down for the taxpayers.

**Bridges:** I want to see more traffic control in our neighborhoods and local roads. I believe more signage regarding speed limits and enforcement are necessary in our subdivisions and local roads.

**Bruce:** Re-envisioning our master plan to bring us more into the 21st century with modern development that supports our neighborhoods. Also having another sustainability study completed to look at how to address our current challenges and what we can do to further make us a world-class city.

## Many residents see Farmington Hills' diversity as one of its strengths. How will you support diversity of all kinds in the city?

**Kovacs:** Making sure that there is equal opportunity and possibilities for all people is crucial for both the government and private work sectors. Revaluations need to be done to insure there are no barriers to entry for participation and inclusion to all people.

**Strickfaden:** I spearheaded the hiring of the current HR department director, John Randle, as our new DEI Director. I believe hiring the right DEI director

is the absolute most important issue, and John will do a great job.

**Aldred:** As an immigrant, I understand what it is like to have cultural differences. There is a strength to the different contributions of many to make one community. I support the freedoms and personal responsibilities that allow all residents to have the opportunity to succeed in the city of Farmington Hills.

**Bridges:** I proposed in January that the city hire a diversity, equity and inclusion director (DEI) at our annual goal session in January 2021. The city council is on record in its support. DEI director responsibility will be to ensure that diversity, equity and inclusion is part of the decision-making process...

**Bruce:** Diversity is one of the main reasons why we are such a dynamic, stable, desirable and safe city. We must work to make sure that Farmington Hills is open and accessible to all people, and I will continue to support ordinances and development that makes sure this continues.

**Knol:** I support efforts to provide city services and programs that are inclusive and provide a high quality of life for all our residents. I also support the police departments work in community policing and engagement. Currently, the city is developing a plan for best practices in attracting diverse employees.

## What Farmington Hills-related program or initiative that you have been involved in are you most proud of?

**Strickfaden:** I presented my 20-year vision for the City of Farmington Hills, FH20XL - VISION, and it was unanimously and enthusiastically supported by council. I will work tirelessly to change zoning ordinances to allow the redevelopment of 12 Mile Road.

**Aldred:** One example is working with the Committee for a Safe Farmington Hills to promote the 2021 public safety millage and to renew the full 1.7 mill value approved by voters in 2011. This dedicated millage is essential as it funds nearly 25% of our police and fire/EMS

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## Westland council candidates talk issues

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Eight Westland residents are seeking one of four open city council positions.

Residents voted three incumbents — James Godbout, Jim Hart and Peter Herzberg — as well as newcomers Debra Fowlkes, Melissa Sampey, David Cox, Antoinette Martin and Sarah Austin onto the Nov. 2 general election during an August primary that narrowed the candidate field down from 12.

City council members are paid \$17,368 with small increases for the council president and president pro tem. Once the new board is seated in 2022, members will choose a president and president pro tem from among themselves.

**Debra Fowlkes**, 65, is one of the city's planning commissioners. She's an insurance contract administrator for the Henry Ford Health System. Fowlkes falsified her filing affidavit prior to the primary, but, according to the city clerk's office, will appear on November ballots.

**James Godbout**, 66, is the vice president of Midwest Recycling. Godbout has been on city council since 2000.

**Jim Hart**, 44, is the current city council president. He works as a regulatory specialist for Verizon Wireless.

**Peter Herzberg**, 30, has been on council since 2016 and has previously served as president pro tem. He works in finance.

**Antoinette Martin**, 64, is a retired financial planner. She's previously been involved with Westland's library board, chamber of commerce and Rotary club among other things.

**Melissa Sampey**, 39, is a partner and vice president of marketing and sales at TruChampions. She's also a



Austin



Cox



Fowlkes



Godbout



Hart



Herzberg



Martin



Sampey

healthcare communications consultant.

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candidate seeking information on their backgrounds and platforms. Each question was given a 50-word limit, and answers exceeding that limit were cut short. Candidates Sarah Austin and David Cox did not submit the questionnaires by the given deadline and are not included.

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## What's the biggest change needed in Westland?

**Martin:** In addition to improved infrastructure, I also hear residents' concerns about our public safety departments. Westland is the third busiest emergency response department in the state. On council, I will work to fund competitive compensation, great training and full staffing for our police, fire and EMS.

**Sampey:** With American Recovery dollars coming to Westland and recovering from COVID, we need to increase opportunities for small businesses by supporting infrastructure updates and moving towards creating developments

that will foster a "downtown" atmosphere. These tax dollars will help stop tax increases and bring back a sense of community.

**Fowlkes:** Westland has grown from a small township to a city with big city problems. We need more affordable housing. We have a growing problem with the homeless and mental illness. More times than not, these people are living in the streets or in shelters that are at capacity.

**Godbout:** COVID-19 has demonstrated that we need improvements in recreational programming for all of our residents. Both youth and senior recreational opportunities need to be enhanced and improved. The potential for a new rec center would provide the opportunity to establish better programming to meet the needs of all residents.

**Hart:** Growth and recovery. A return to professional business meetings and a return to a professional atmosphere that encourages collaborative processes. The past four years have been difficult with COVID and poor behavior during council meetings.

**Herzberg:** The biggest change needed in Westland is a strategy to attract new businesses and revitalize the Westland Mall area. While hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars are spent on signage and festivals, we continue to miss opportunities to secure business investment that goes to neighboring communities. Ordinance enforcement continues to...

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# Mucci

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Italy, before moving to the United States in 1957 when she was 18 — was utilized by sons Vince and Frank when they created Mama Mucci's Pasta in 1989.

Mama Mucci's Pasta, which moved its business from what is now the basement of Plymouth's Compari's restaurant to a larger facility in Canton in 1995, is capable of producing more than 40,000 pounds of pasta per week.

Every ounce of pasta that rolls out of the facility to restaurants and family kitchens throughout the Midwest was inspired by Margherita's Italian roots.

"She didn't start learning English until she moved to the United States in 1957, so she still had an Italian accent until the day she died," Vince Mucci said. "She spoke English so well. Sometimes she'd mix up the word for Wednesday, so she'd say, 'You know, the day after Tuesday.'"

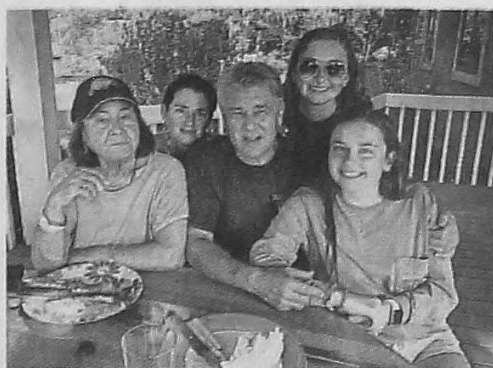
When asked about his favorite cooking-related memories with his mom, Vince Mucci didn't hesitate.

"Sunday afternoons were so special when we'd get the entire family together for her fresh-egg spaghetti and meat sauce that had lamb, pork in it," he said. "She'd let it simmer all day; there was no rushing when she was cooking."

"Mom was on dialysis for the final 8.5 years of her life, so she was less mobile, but she still insisted on visiting our place and offering some quality-control advice."

Vince Mucci said his mom — "Like all good authentic Italians" — had a kitchen in her Plymouth home's basement that she used right up until her death.

"When she couldn't get up and down



Tilde Elsa Margherita Mucci, left, with family. Mucci died Oct. 10 at age 83. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MUCCI FAMILY

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**Vince Mucci** Tilde Elsa Margherita Mucci's son

the stairs by herself any more, we installed a motorized chair so she could go down there and do what she loved best," Vince Mucci said. "She used the same recipes her mom taught her when she was a young girl."

Margherita Mucci was preceded in death by her husband Pietro "Pete" Mucci, the longtime owner of downtown Plymouth's Pete's Shoe Repair until his death in 2017. She is survived by sons Anthony (Patricia) Mucci, Vincenzo (Amy) Mucci and Francesco (Jennifer Price) Mucci; and two granddaughters, Gabriella and Julia Mucci.



Mucci with her first pasta machine in 1986. She's the inspiration behind the Canton-based pasta company Mama Mucci's Pasta, created by her sons in 1989.

# Clinics

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2018. The Livonia clinic does not offer invasive abortion procedures, but one can receive a pill abortion, which essentially causes a miscarriage during early stages of pregnancy, at the Livonia facility.

People who live near the clinic have

complained to police and city officials, but there's little to be done. The city can't force the clinic to close, and police cannot infringe on protesters' First Amendment rights.

Residents of the area recently spoke again on the issue during an Oct. 4 city council meeting. Residents of Rayburn Street claim the protesters cause excessive noise, use graphic imagery in their protests and harass people who live nearby.

"The noise level and the 'Honk for Life' signs are blaring out there all day long," said Constance Dickey, who lives near the clinic. "It's not getting any easier."

The comments led Vice President Scott Bahr to propose council explore re-fashioning its zoning laws so any future abortion clinics proposed in the city would not be able to be built near a residential area.

"There's not a lot legally that we can

do about this situation," Bahr said. "But the question that has come to my mind over and over again over the last several years is 'How can we avoid this in the future?'"

Council unanimously approved Bahr's proposal, and the city attorney's office is exploring the legality of any restrictions.

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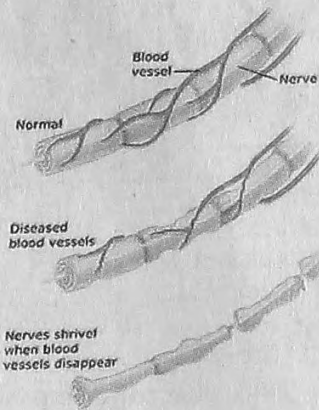
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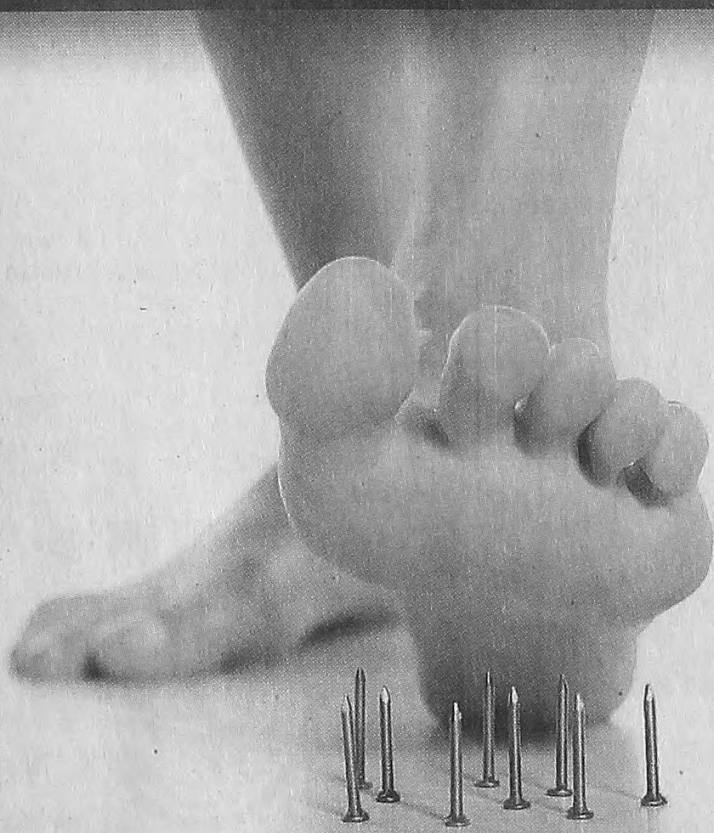


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# Ravens

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Oct. 23 at participating downtown Farmington businesses. Also downtown for young visitors is the hay bale fort inspired by the works of Edgar Allen Poe in Riley Park.

Want to hear the words of Poe? There are several Poe nights to be streamed at 6 p.m. on Facebook with reading by some local notable figures: "Alone," read by Polly Varhol on Oct. 20; "The Raven," read by Maria Taylor on Oct. 26; and "The Haunted Palace," read by Sean O'Reilly on Oct. 27.

For the older crowd, several establishments downtown are offering some raven-inspired cocktails: Sidecar Slider Bar, Farmington Brewing Company, Basement Burger Bar, Mi.Mosa, Loft Cigar Lounge and Chive Kitchen.

And whenever you're downtown, make sure to check out all the raven-crows in this year's contest. Raven themed-scarecrows inspired by Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" happily haunt the area. Both community and merchant ravens can be found at Riley Park and by the businesses through the month. The top raven-crows will be eligible for prizes for best overall, mayor's choice and people's choice with voting online.

Learn more and follow along at facebook.com/downtownfarmington.



A raven-esque sculpture with the amusingly long title "Rosemary Genevieve Cordelia Winifred Ravenbeak" stands near Riley Park in Farmington, created by the Tuba family according to its display sign. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Lunch time patrons at Riley Park in Farmington on Oct. 11.



Pam Alexander's Raven Flight along Grand River Avenue.



Talía Thomas, owner of Farmington's Sipp smoothie shop, spreads her wings at the Raven Wings art installation on the exterior of her Farmington Road Shop. Raven Wings was created by artist Mary Lou Stropol.



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# Districts

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## State house districts

Among the most noticeable local changes on the three proposed state house maps is the splitting of Livonia into multiple state house districts. The city mostly encompasses the 19th district, represented by Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia). A small slice of the city falls into the 11th district, which is represented by Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and includes parts of Westland, Inkster, Garden City and Dearborn Heights.

The proposals would split Livonia into three separate districts which may include parts of Redford, Detroit, Plymouth, Dearborn Heights and Westland. The changes would likely give Livonia, a historically red city, more Democrat representatives moving forward. Pohutsky is the first Democrat to win her seat since the 1970s, and city has recently favored blue candidates.

Similarly, Westland and Wayne, most of which are currently represented by one person, would be split between three districts with neighboring communities. Kevin Coleman (D-Westland), represents Wayne and most of Westland as the 16th district representative, and Jones represents a small part of Westland as well.

Communities like Canton and Plymouth would continue in different districts, but Canton would no longer be connected to a district including Van Buren Township. Instead, the large township would be represented with part of Westland.

Plymouth, it appears, would continue to share real estate with Northville. Most of Northville, however, would be in a district with Novi. Northern Novi would stay in a district that also includes Lyon, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake

Farmington Hills and Farmington currently make up a single house district. The 37th District is represented by Samantha Steckloff (D-Farmington Hills). Proposed changes would split Farmington Hills into several districts with nearby cities like Novi, Southfield and Detroit.

Milford would remain in a district with other smaller communities like Highland and White Lake.



Campaign signs in 2020 at the Westland Library where multiple precincts voted. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Birmingham, on the other hand, would see a significant shift. Instead of being with neighboring affluent Oakland County communities like Bloomfield Hills like it is now, it would be part of a narrow district heading south through communities like Southfield and Oak Park and into Detroit.

## State Senate districts

Dayna Polehanki (D-Livonia) currently has all of Livonia in her senate district. It looks like that's going to change in a big way. Like the proposed house maps, the commission suggests splitting Livonia into several senate districts that include communities like Redford, Canton, Westland and Dearborn

Farmington Hills would also be in several different districts, sharing senators with neighbors in Farmington, Novi and Redford.

The changes would also put Northville, Novi, South Lyon and Lyon Township in a district with Plymouth. Jim Runestad (R-White Lake) currently represents all the Oakland County communities and would see his district split in half.

Milford would remain in that district Runestad represents now along with Highland and White Lake. The proposed district would also include Clarkston, Waterford and West Bloomfield.

Birmingham would continue to be with communities like Royal Oak and Clawson, but would be separated from northern neighbors like Troy and Rochester Hills. The proposed district would move south to include cities like Ferndale.

## Congressional seats

The commission proposed four different congressional district maps, and each differs slightly for metro Detroit residents.

Haley Stevens (D-Rochester Hills), who represents most of the Hometown Life region, would lose most of the area she represents now. Stevens lives in Rochester Hills, but her current district includes all or some of Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Farmington, Northville, Novi, Milford, Birmingham and South Lyon. Rochester Hills is proposed to join in favor of districts that move toward Sterling Heights in the east in a new district.

Southwest Oakland County mostly stays together in one district, although maps put South Lyon and Lyon in a congressional district that would stretch south to Plymouth and Canton, then west to Ann Arbor.

Most map proposals put the Huron Valley – Milford, Highland and White Lake – in a sprawling congressional district that stretches north and east to include all of Michigan's Thumb region.

Maps also indicate Livonia would move into an area of metro Detroit similar to the one currently represented by Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit). The district would, however, include a much smaller portion of Detroit, where Tlaib lives. Some proposals include Romulus in the district, and one includes Franklin.

Farmington Hills will likely see some significant disruption. Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield), represents the city in congress and proposals put Lawrence in the same area as other current congress members. Some proposals put Lawrence in the same district as Andy Levin (D-Bloomfield), and another puts her in the same district as Debbie Dingell (D-Dearborn).

Farmington Hills will, in every proposal, end up with communities like Novi, Royal Oak and Pontiac.

## How to weigh in on proposals

People are welcome to comment or create their own draft maps at michigan-mapping.org. The commission's proposed maps can be seen at michigan.gov/micrc.

The commission is also hosting public meetings where people can comment on the proposals. The closest meeting to metro Detroiters will happen Oct. 20 at the TCF Center in Detroit. Two hearings will take place: one from 1-3:30 p.m. and another from 5-8 p.m.

Three other hearings will also take place with the same time two-meeting format as the Detroit hearing:

- Thurs., Oct. 21: Lansing, Lansing Center
- Fri., Oct. 22: Grand Rapids, location to be determined
- Mon., Oct. 25: Gaylord, Treetops Resort
- Tues., Oct. 26: Flint, Dort Financial Center

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# The dangers of medical identity theft



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

Medical identity theft is on the rise with millions of cases reported annually. Medical identity theft is when someone obtains your medical insurance information and uses it to see a doctor, obtain prescription medications or obtain medical devices.

This can cause issues with not only finances but also health, as in some

cases the crooks' own medical treatments, history and diagnosis can be mixed up with your own health records. Medical identity crooks not only file false insurance claims, but also use your information to fraudulently acquire government benefits such as Medicare or Medicaid. In addition, the thieves sell your medical information to create false medical identities.

Some of the same rules that apply to financial identity theft also apply to medical identity theft. You must be cautious regarding whom you allow access to your medical information.

In addition, under the Health Insur-

ance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), you are legally entitled to a copy of your medical and billing records. It's always a good idea to occasionally obtain these records and review them.

Furthermore, when you receive explanations of benefit letters, it is important to review them just like you would review a financial statement. If it says you had a medical procedure that you did not have, you know you have a problem. It does not matter if they are seeking payment from you or not. The fact that a false claim was made in your name is reason enough to know you have a problem.

One last note, just like you shouldn't post on social media that you're going on vacation, you also don't want to share anything about any upcoming medical procedures or doctor visits.

Technology has its pros and cons. We must accept that in today's world, we need to be more vigilant in not only protecting our financial records, but also, medical records.

Good luck.

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## Westland

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### What Westland-related program or initiative that you have been involved in are you most proud of?

**Sampey:** From volunteering with park clean-ups, city events and more, I have never been prouder of my journey running for city council. I have spoken to thousands of Westland residents and have heard their concerns and been able to develop a plan that will make a difference for years to come.

**Fowlkes:** I currently sit on the Planning Commission and the Rock and Roll Steering committee. I am most proud of our partnership with Garden City Hospital for the new Westland emergency room on Warren Road. This center also includes physical therapy and specialty care offices.

**Godbout:** Previous councils had long been discussing building a new city hall. Renovating an empty big box store into a new award winning city hall along with consolidating city services into a single location that provides our residents and businesses with better service and accessibility is something I'm extremely proud of.

**Hart:** There are too many to pick out one, but I think that working to restructure our future liabilities through smart bond sales in a time of unprecedented

low rates is among them. This has a long-lasting effect that will be beneficial long after I am gone.

**Herzberg:** I am most proud of saving our recycling program from being sent to the Detroit incinerator. I voted against this plan along with a couple of my colleagues on council but the fight isn't over. Currently, about 10,000 residents do not have access to curbside recycling even though we are...

**Martin:** When I was on the library board during the mortgage crisis, we faced a 40% funding reduction. That meant cutting programs and moving to part-time library service. The board, staff and Friends of the Library worked to pass a millage, keeping the library fully functional and adding major capital improvements.

### How will you support racial equity in Westland?

**Fowlkes:** Minority residents should be represented in city government and have a voice in the city affairs. We need diversity training in all areas of city government. I would also support to adding the additional funding needed for mental health professionals to accompany our first responders on certain types of calls.

**Godbout:** I supported the diversity, equity and inclusion resolution that led to the formation of our DEI Commission. I supported the inclusion of a DEI director position in this year's budget.

These were important first steps but we still need to create a culture that promotes and embraces DEI.

**Hart:** To continue to support moves that ensure parity and equity is pursued and recognized. I supported the creation of the DEI board recently and will continue to encourage efforts that move in this direction.

**Herzberg:** I was the original supporter of the council resolution that created the city's first DEI Commission however there is still more work to be done. We must prevent the hiring of friends and family at city hall and make sure all residents have a chance to get hired.

**Martin:** In my years of being active in Westland, I've always worked to reach out to diverse groups and build bridges. Our community thrives when everyone has a seat at the table. I will use my voice as an elected leader to help make our city even more inclusive for all.

**Sampey:** I am so proud of the development of a diversity inclusion board that recently was formed however, we need to continue diversity training and offer additional resources for minorities. Change needs to happen at the top and I will support steps to make Westland inclusive for all residents.

### Anything else?

**Godbout:** Residents have trusted me to serve as your councilman for the past 21 years. We have had six new council

members join council in the past six years and this election will add at least one more new member. My experience on the council helps provide stability and perspective.

**Hart:** It has been my honor to serve these last four years on council and these last two years as council president. I look forward to working with the council and at least one new member in 2022.

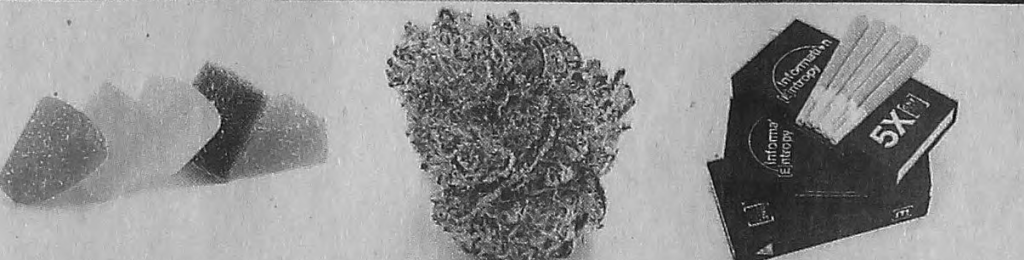
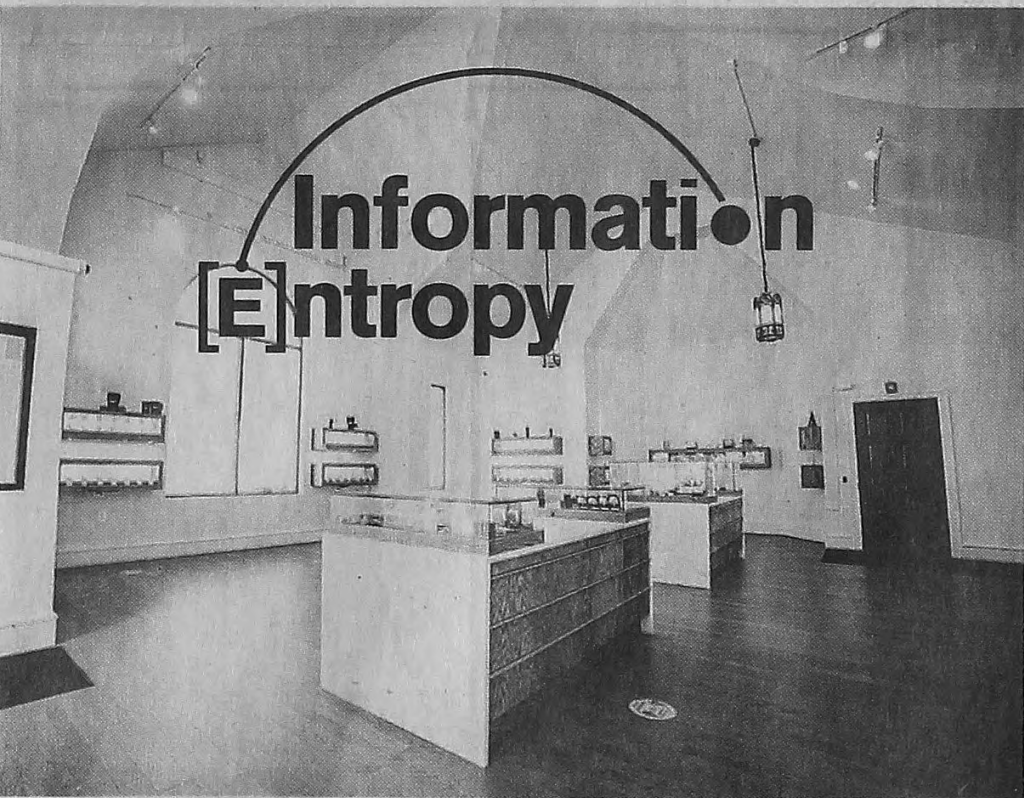
**Herzberg:** I am committed to supporting public safety. During this year's budget, I was finally able to gain support from council to add an additional patrol officer to our police department. Improving police and fire response times remains one of my top priorities.

**Martin:** I have been a member of the Westland community for 30 years. In that time, I have loved spending my time in service of my neighbors. I want you to know that I am here to listen to and act on your concerns. I hope to earn your vote.

**Sampey:** The most important thing to know about me is that I believe in family values. Values such as honesty, hard work, integrity, and strong community involvement are part of my life. As your city councilwoman, I will bring these values to decisions we make together for all residents of Westland.

**Fowlkes:** Debra Fowlkes. Right time, right choice.

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## Hills

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departments.

**Bridges:** I led the charge to change the controversial directed special assessment program for neighborhood roads to a city-wide millage that was approved by residents.

**Bruce:** Initiation of the city water tower that now safes rate payers over \$3 million per year; the rental inspection ordinance that protects our neighborhoods; the dog park and the water park for our families; our AAA bond rating and best and safest city ratings.

**Knol:** In 2018, the voters passed a local road millage to replace the special assessment district system. The previous system was hindering efforts to replace crumbling roads and was contentious with neighbors. The millage system has allowed the city to replace a record number of roads over the past couple years.

**Kovacs:** Being owner of a tile installation service business, I have been able to help and support dozens of Farmington Hills residents in creating customized, safe and efficient living and work spaces.

### What do you think a council member's most important job is? Why?

**Aldred:** I believe making the best use of our residents' hard-earned tax-dollars is a very important part of being on council. We have a well-run city with great services and every dollar spent must deliver good value, whether that is for local road improvements or public facilities.

**Bruce:** It is always being there for the citizens and representing them in local government, so that the city reflects the will of the people. Being honest, and always putting the citizens best interest first. Being a good steward of the city's finances and providing for excellent public services.

**Bridges:** To listen stay engaged and protect the long-term fiscal health of the city and represent all the citizens of the city.

**Knol:** The most important job of the council is to determine the city's budget. Sound fiscal policy will keep our taxes low, retain our AAA bond rating and

long-term stability and provide the resources the city staff needs to manage the city's operations and provide a high quality of life.

**Kovacs:** A council member's job is to objectively work for the people and to listen to their needs and ideas all the while maintaining a healthy spending budget because creating an enjoyable and promising life for today and the future is what people need.

**Strickfaden:** Being fully prepared to vote on issues brought before council. That means thoroughly reviewing the information presented to us, objectively researching both sides of the issue and understanding how those who might be affected feel. I then vote on what I believe is in the best interest of our residents.

### Anything else?

**Bridges:** Did not submit an answer.  
**Bruce:** If re-elected, my goal is to make sure that we continue to be one of the best run cities in the state, and that we continue to grow and modernize in a way that provides a wonderful city for our citizens, with great services and amenities.

**Knol:** While on council I have worked to maintain our neighborhoods and quality of life by supporting sound budgeting, public safety, high-quality services, responsible redevelopment and infrastructure projects. My unique experience and record of leadership and collaboration make me exceptionally qualified and capable to continue tackling these issues.

**Kovacs:** I do believe with my skill set I can bring a wise and youthful perspective to our city council. I am very excited to work for the people. I invite you to contact me and connect with me, I am here to support you.

**Strickfaden:** You can find out more about me by visiting my website, [matt4council.org](http://matt4council.org).

**Aldred:** I've been a Farmington Hills resident for over two decades. My wife Heather and I have two adult children who were raised in this wonderful community. I will work hard on council to help keep Farmington Hills a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and raise a family.

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# Obituaries

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## Suzanne Marie (Devereaux) Radeback

**DAVISON** - Suzanne Marie (Devereaux) Radeback of Davison, MI, formerly of Livonia, MI, age 77, passed away Friday, October 8, 2021.



Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on a later date. Inurnment in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in Suzanne's memory.

Suzanne was born in Detroit, MI on October 20, 1943, daughter of the late Ward and Shirley (Payne) Devereaux. She married James Martin Radeback on February 1, 1964 and he preceded her in death in February 2001. Suzanne enjoyed playing the organ, cooking, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Suzanne is survived by her son, Jim (Kathryn) Radeback; 4 grandchildren, Alex, Hannah, Kaitlyn and Cody; 2 brothers, Jim (Mary Lou) Devereaux and Stewart Phillips; many other loving family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ward and Shirley Devereaux; her husband, James Martin Radeback and son, Michael Joseph Radeback.

Please share your thoughts with the family at [www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com)

## Mary Louise Rupert

**PLYMOUTH** - September 2, 2021 age 76 of Plymouth. Mary Louise Rupert was a member of the Plymouth High School Class of 1963 and earned a B.A. in Spanish Literature and an M.S. in secondary education from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. After a year of teaching in the Huron Valley School District and another year in Detroit's Parker Elementary School, Mary received a direct commission to First Lieutenant from the United States Army in 1973. Mary served all over the world including several tours at the Pentagon, Tokyo, Korea and Hollywood. Her assignments include Army Liaison to the film industry; Army Inspector General; Professor of Military Science at Marquette University; Commander Publisher of Pacifica Stars and Stripes. She retired in 1999 with the rank of Colonel. Mary is survived by a sister Joanne Smith of Murphy, NC; and two nieces and 8 grand nieces and nephews. Interment will be held Thursday, October 28th 2:30 PM at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. To share a memory, please visit [vermeulenfh.com](http://vermeulenfh.com)



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## Elizabeth Ann Gill

Betty passed away at home lovingly surrounded by family on October 8, 2021 at the age of 77. Beloved wife of the late Don B. Gill for 53 years. Loving mother of Michelle Lievois (Chris) the late Don B. Gill, Jr (Valerie) and the late Beth Ann Blanchard (James). Dear Grandmother of Bradley Gill, Brian Gill, Jenney Ayn Gill, John Gill, Christopher Lievois, Hannah Lievois, Ted Lievois. Great Grandmother of Wyatt Bradley Gill. Devoted sister of the late Edward Andel and sister-in-law of Nancy Davies (Darrell), Lesley Bodary (James), Sherry Gill. Family will receive friends Friday, October 15, 2021 from 10:30am until the time of Mass at 11am at St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Brother Rice High School or Angels' Place. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.



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## Rosalie Hebel

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Age 93, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Rosalie leaves behind the enormous legacy of the family she treasured more than anything else. Loving wife of Charles Hebel (d). Proud mother of Carl (Lynn) Hebel of Marina del Rey, CA, Roseann (d) (Peter) Brown, Paul (Jennifer) Hebel of Farmington Hills, MI, and Ann Marie (Scott) Rosa of Sharon, MA. Honored grandmother of Lindsay (Tom) McInerney, Lisa (Ryan) Steel, Gregory (Rachel) Brown, Douglas Brown, Melissa (Josh) Herwitt, Kristen (Molly) Rosa, and Richard Rosa. She loved meeting and holding her six great-grandchildren. Rosalie was predeceased by her parents Bridget Kane Boylan and Thomas Boylan and her siblings Tom, Larry, Peggy and Bill. Visitation Thursday, October 21, 3-7 pm, at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds, N of Grand River) Farmington. Funeral Mass Friday, October 22, 10 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. [heenev-sundquist.com](http://heenev-sundquist.com)



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## Geraldine Mae McBride Chalifour

**LIVONIA** - Geraldine Mae McBride Chalifour was peacefully carried by the angels to her heavenly Father on October 1, 2021 in Livonia, Michigan. She was born on November 15, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan to Ralph John McBride and Myrtle Marie Price McBride. Geri is survived by her loving children Doug and Marianne, Annette and Bill Linn, John and Gloria, Jim and Malinda, and Larry. She is also survived by her grandchildren, whom she adored, Jennifer, Russ, Jeff, Adam, Eric, Kevin, and Heather. In addition, she was "Granny" to 12 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was an Aunt to several nieces and nephews.



In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her special Grandmother Maude, and her siblings Ralph McBride Jr., Betty McBride Fleming, and Irene McBride Newman, as well as her former husband Robert Chalifour.

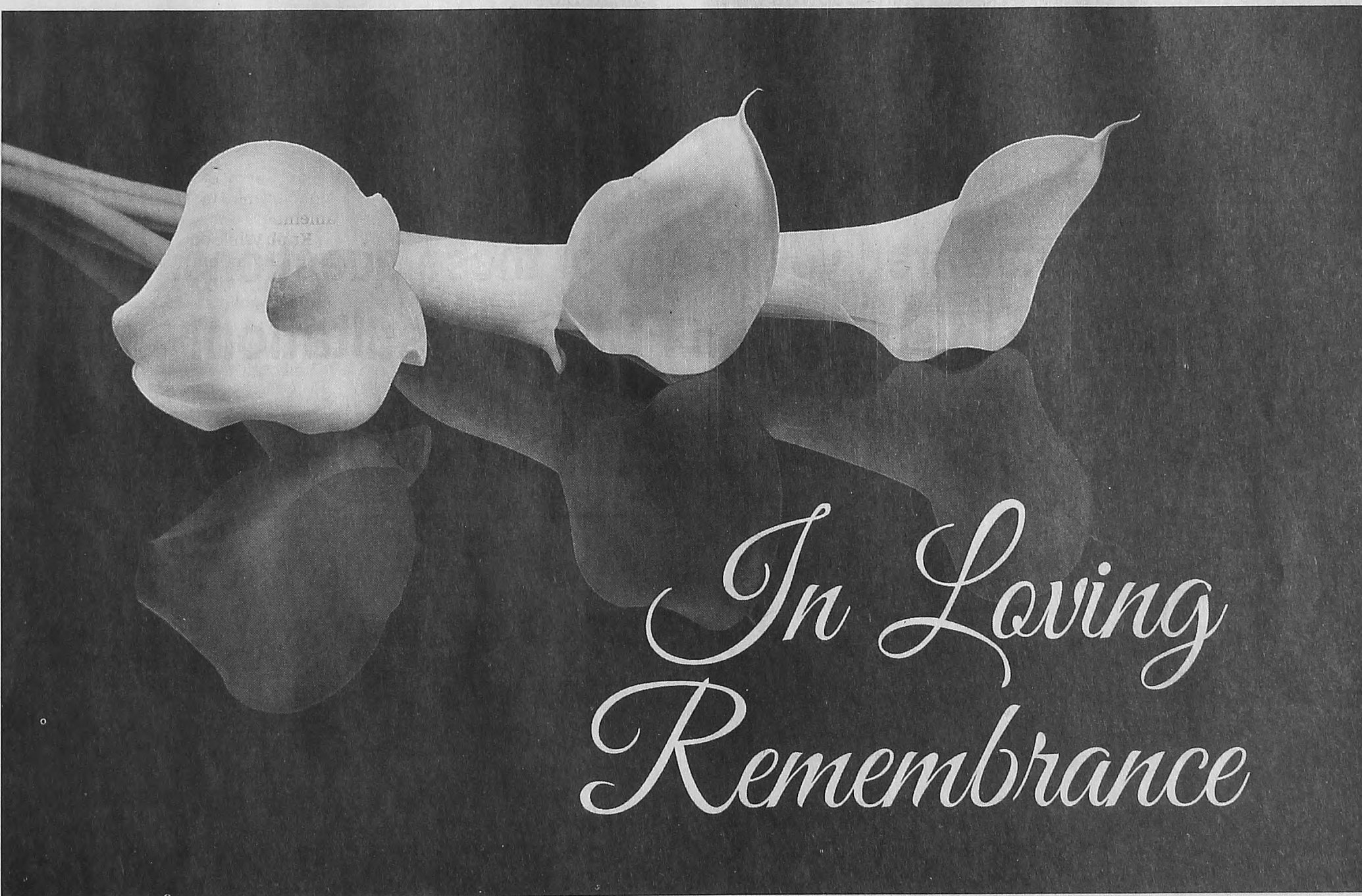
Geri always enjoyed gardening and grew beautiful flowers. She could make anywhere she lived into an inviting and comfortable home for her children and grandchildren to enjoy. She will be missed and remembered with love by all of us.

The family would like to thank the staff at American House in Livonia for their care. We also thank SKLD Nursing Facility in Livonia for the compassionate care they provided during this year as well as Heart to Heart Hospice, who gave her an additional level of care during her last two months at SKLD.

A special thank you to Anne, her friend and confidant for the past 25 years.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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# SPORTS

## 'We don't want to lose to these guys'

### Franklin football tops rival Stevenson, 28-12

Ben Szilagy Special to Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Livonia Franklin football coach Chris Kelbert will be the first to tell you that his Patriots have had a rough road to travel this season.

Normally the playoffs have been a given for his teams, having qualified six straight years. But the wins haven't come as easily this season. One of Franklin's wins was by forfeit when John Glenn couldn't field a team due to

COVID issues. The other win was against Wayne Memorial, a team that often struggles on the gridiron.

Friday night was the perfect opportunity to change that.

"Last week, or the weeks before, we've had a lot of breakdowns. We had a lot of mistakes and individual mistakes that caused us problems," senior quarterback Zac Olesuck said. "As the week went on, we improved on those things.

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Franklin's Cordel Mabins rushes against Stevenson on Oct. 8. Franklin won against its rival, 28-12, giving its seniors four straight wins over Stevenson. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brother Rice's Henry Garrity catches a pass against Chicago Christ the King Jesuit on Oct. 9 at Wisner Stadium in Pontiac. PHOTOS BY BRANDON FOLSOM/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Brother Rice waits for the bus before beating Christ the King

### Warriors forced to stay loose during long delay

Brandon Folsom Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Brother Rice football team couldn't have had a slower start. Not on the field.

The No. 8 Warriors opened their 56-14 victory over Chicago Christ the King Jesuit with Sam Klein returning an interception for a touchdown less than two minutes into the game.

They even secured a running clock well before taking a 50-0 lead into half-time.

They looked sharp in each phase early on — intercepting four passes, scoring five TDs on offense and getting an almost 65-yard punt return for a TD



Brother Rice's Mark Gojcay passes against Chicago Christ the King Jesuit. The No. 8 Warriors won the non-conference game, 56-14.

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## Northville volleyball beats Novi in front of large crowd

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Tuesday night was the boiling point of a long season.

Both No. 7 Novi and No. 8 Northville sat at the top of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-West undefeated, with their eyes on another division title. A win could not only help either team achieve a title, but it could also propel them headfirst into a deep run toward Battle Creek for a state title.

The tensions of the moment were palpable and fueled by a large crowd and a boisterous student section that was close to pouring onto the court.

"We haven't had an atmosphere like this all year," Northville coach Sarah Lindstrom said. "We've tried to simulate it in practice. We played loud, heavy metal music to throw off their focus. We talked about everything that was going to happen today. We talked about the student sections. We talked about the crowd. We talked about the butterflies.

"We just talked it into reality so the girls were ready."

All that practice paid off as the Mustangs beat the Wildcats in straight sets 25-15, 25-19 and 25-18 for sole possession of the division.

The Mustangs (6-0 KLA West) wanted to keep Novi (5-1) on its heels most of the match as much as it could. Northville implemented aggressive serves that forced errors on Novi's end and built long runs that put the Wildcats in a hole from the start.

"Their serves kept us out of system for a majority of the game," Novi coach Kacy Byron said. "Any team you're on, it's going to be hard to consistently score over and over again when you're out of system. But that being said, we have some of the best passers in the state and it was an off night for us. Unfortunately, the one night you don't want the off night to happen.

"Northville played great tonight. I give credit to their gameplan. All their players stepped up, too. We knew it was going to be tough going into a rival gym and just too many little plays added up to a loss tonight."

Leading the way for Northville was outside hitter junior Abby Reck.

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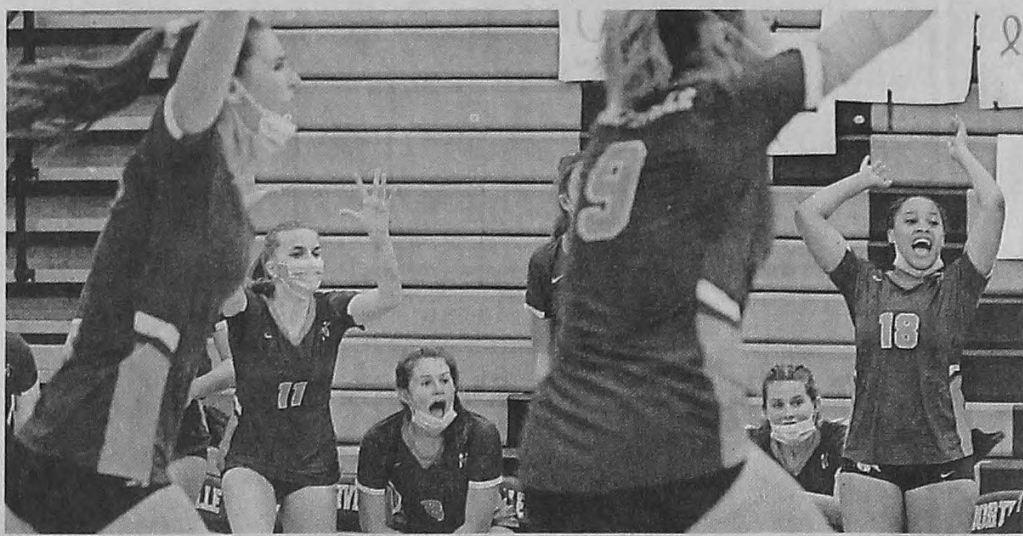
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Northville players on the court and on the bench celebrate as the team gets one point closer to taking the second match of the night against Novi.

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## Volleyball

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Behind Reck's serves in the first set, Northville created a 9-3 run. In the second and third sets, she was able to be set up by senior Erin Morrissey for hard cross-court spikes that either regained service or built upon a lead.

What's more impressive for Reck is she's still growing into the position.

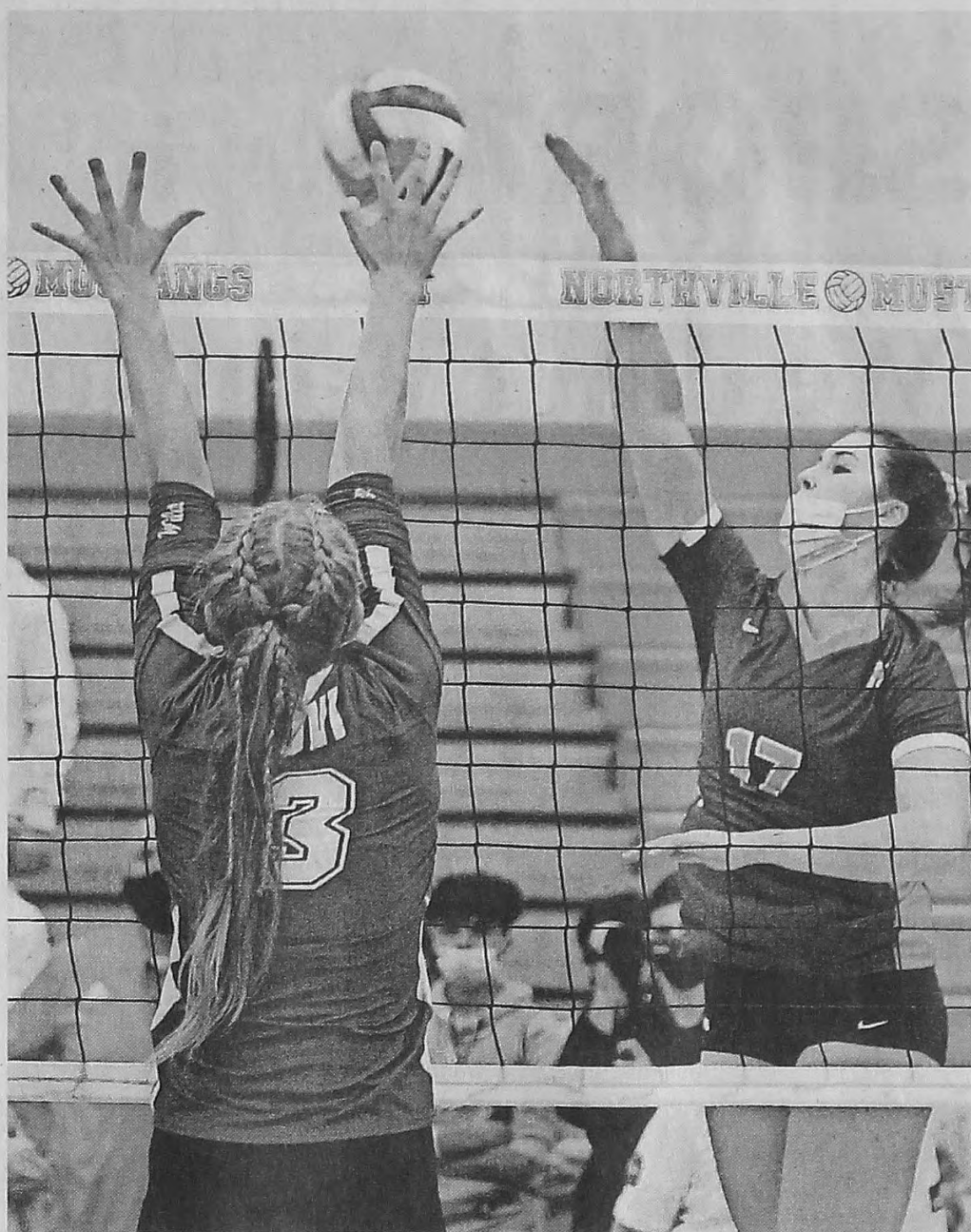
"I'm still transitioning into it," she admitted. "My coaches have been really helpful in getting me comfortable. We're always training in the gym working on different shots and things. The middle and the outside are just so different with less blocking. It took me a minute, but I

think I'm there now."

Lindstrom added: "She is a key player for us because she makes big plays. She brings a lot of energy, too. She's working on a new position, so when she has errors she's able to recover quickly and get the ball again. She's fearless and that energy flows through everyone else."

Novi was buoyed at times by the play of Sarah Vellucci, Rachel Karr, and Lauren Trainor. Senior Sarah Calanchi dug out most of the hard serves the Mustangs threw at her, but those plays made it hard for her to recover back into position.

"When we know what we're doing, and we run our plays well we can score on those. Our hitters kept going up till the very end trying to put the ball away," Byron said.



Northville's Abby Reck tries to get a spike past Novi's Ally Sharnowski.

## Rivals

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We made sure we wouldn't keep making those mistakes.

"Practice was much more intense, too. We don't want to lose to these guys. We haven't lost to these guys in three years. We didn't want to come out on our senior years losing to them."

The Patriot seniors will complete their high school careers with four straight wins over Livonia Stevenson thanks to a dominating 28-12 win.

Kelbert told his players that it's nice to raise their helmets on this field because of the rivalry and proximity of the schools within the district.

"It's just the rivalry," he said. "Being an inner-city rivalry, these kids have played little league together. A lot of our kids, and their kids, they've played on the same little league team, or against each other most of their lives. They've grown up together. It means a lot to represent our school in a community of three."

The game didn't come easy for either team at first. The first quarter was marred by tough, physical play. Both Stevenson (3-4), and Franklin (3-4) could muster only one first down each while suffering from one three-and-out each.

The coaching staff found a weakness in the Spartan armor that it exploited when the second quarter began.

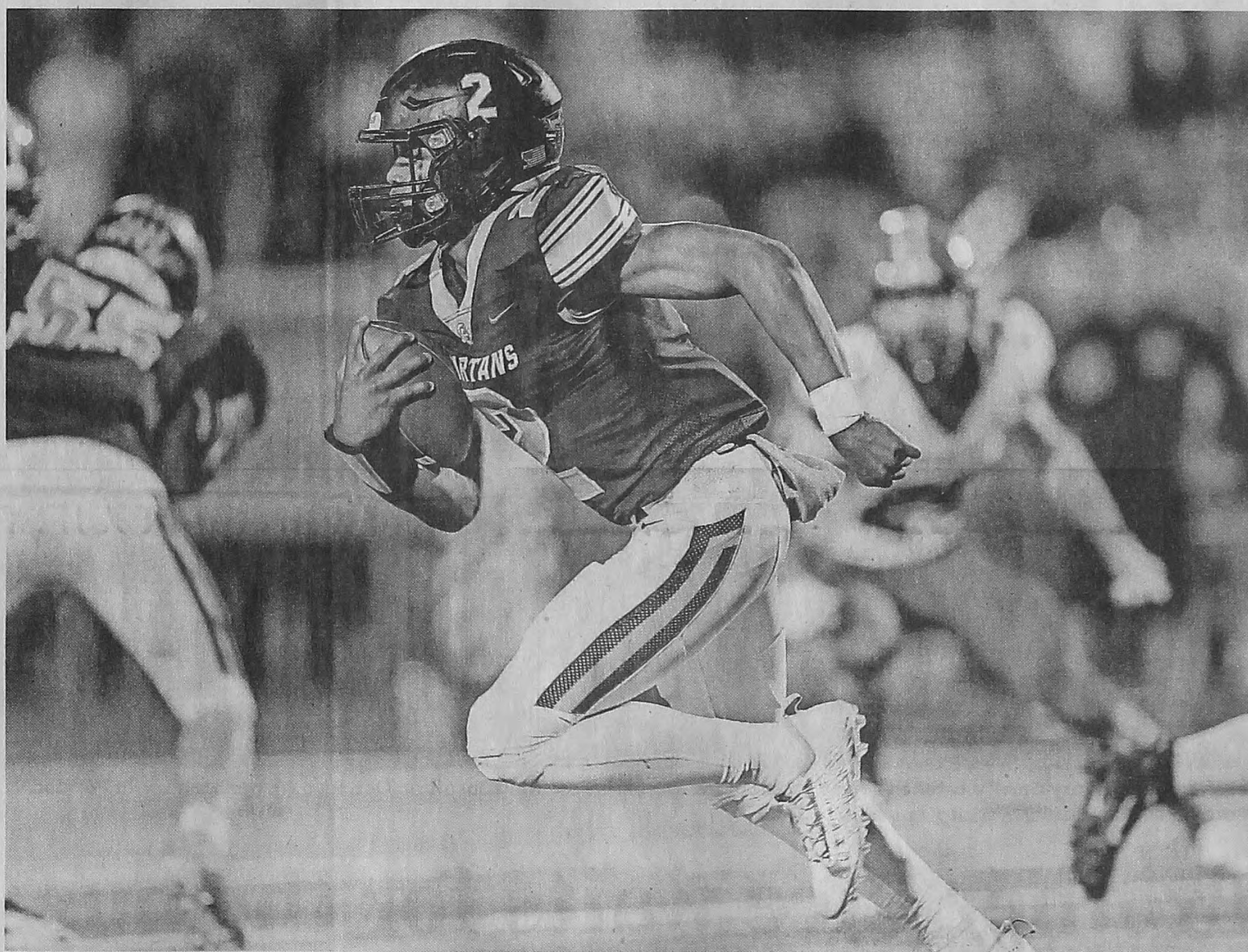
"They were taking away our power run game," Kelbert said. "So we decided to spread them out a bit in the second quarter. We put a formation on the field that exploited a weakness in their defense. That was the turning point."

"It really gave us confidence, really. We've been playing without confidence for quite a few weeks. It gave them reassurance that they're good football players because it's been a rough road."

Franklin was able to pass the ball as its wide receivers slipped past the Stevenson defense into the second level.

A 30-yard strike from Olesuk to Javon Brown put the Patriots in the red zone. On the next play, junior Dominic Simpson ran a 20-yard sweep in for a 7-0 lead with 9:16 left to in the half.

The Spartans countered on the ensuing drive on 4th-and-9. Sophomore Ar-Jon Thompson earned his first start of the season and lofted a 20-yard pass to



Stevenson's Ar'Jon Thompson rushes against Franklin on Oct. 8. DAVE DONOHER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Matt Gazzarato for a touchdown. The PAT attempt was fumbled, leaving the Spartans trailing, 7-6.

From then on, it was Olesuk's ground game that put the Spartans away.

"I've been trying (to take over games), but it hasn't clicked," Olesuk admitted.

"Last year, I ran a lot. I had a decent amount of touchdowns. So it's something I've been able to do. I knew after losing to Churchill last week, it hurt me. It definitely hurt the guys. We wanted to come out and change the game."

Olesuk capped the second quarter with a 3-yard touchdown run for a 14-6 lead into the half. Then he added a 28-yard on the team's first possession in the second half for a 21-6 lead and earned another 1-yard TD capitalizing off the Patriot's first forced turnover of the season in the fourth quarter that

was caused by defensive end Luke St. Ledger tipping a pass to junior linebacker Sam White.

Things have also been rocky for the Spartans all season.

So much so that the coaching staff decided to change things up with its personnel on senior night. Coach Randy Micallef decided to have his senior quarterback Kyle Brown only play defense.

But the move was to get more explosive plays and take advantage of the team's speed.

"We're trying to take advantage of our athletes," he said. "We want to put them in situations to be successful, and felt like it was the right move for where we're going. When things breakdown, he can make some plays happen that a lot of kids can't do."

Thompson isn't a quarterback by

trade. He's primarily a wide receiver. The offense did have some explosive plays that were the result of Thompson's ability to create something out of nothing.

But the growing pains were evident all night long despite a late touchdown with 2:12 left when Thompson jumped over the pile to complete a 3-yard run that cut into the lead, 28-12.

Even though senior night didn't provide the result the Spartans would have liked, Micallef is proud of his seniors.

"They're extremely smart young men," he said. "We have seven 4.0 students on the roster. They're great kids in the community and represent us with pride. A majority, about 12 out of the 15 have played with us for four years, which is really hard to do."

"They're everything you'd want in a kid and football player."

## Brother Rice

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from Cole Lacanaria in the first half alone.

The only thing slowing them down was CTK Jesuit.

Quite literally.

When the Gladiators attempted to load up its charter bus early Saturday, their bus driver never showed up. It took almost 2 hours before they found a replacement to haul them to Wisner Field in Pontiac.

Brother Rice (5-2) started its team stretch and warm ups well before 1 p.m. It went through its full routine before taking a break, trying its best to remain loose while waiting for the Gladiators to arrive.

The game was originally supposed to kick off at 2 but CTK Jesuit's bus didn't roll into the parking lot until 3:01 p.m.

One by one, the Gladiators hopped out and made their way toward the locker room. Most of them were still wearing their lounge clothes for the trip. Some wore Crocs, others had on pajama bottoms.

Brother Rice's fans even greeted

them with a brief ovation.

The Gladiators finally started warming up at 3:20 p.m. They even worked on some of their plays during the opening prayer.

The game didn't kick off until almost 4. It was 43-0 by the time the party bus hauling the CTK Jesuit parents pulled in early in the second quarter.

"That's brutal," Brother Rice coach Adam Korzeniewski said of the delayed kickoff. "That's like being in a weather delay. You warm up, and then you don't. You warm up, and then you sit."

Other highlights for Brother Rice included Brennan Parent pulling down a

pair of interceptions, Nolan Ray rushing for TD runs of 19 and 66 yards, and Mark Gojcaj throwing TD passes to Henry Garrity (6 yards) and Tommy Labruzzo (12). Andrew LaBarre (1 yard) and Cash-ton Papadelis (23) also scored rushing TDs.

Josh Filar got a pick-six, but the play was brought back because of an illegal block-in-the-back penalty.

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# Told he wouldn't run again, Brighton man competes in Boston Marathon

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
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Graham Astley's first question coming out of surgery was the first question any runner would ask.

"When can I run again?" He was taken aback by the grim prognosis.

An orthopedic surgeon who helped repair a broken leg and foot Astley sustained when he was hit by a truck while cycling in June 2017 didn't offer much hope.

"He said, 'I don't want to be the one to tell you this, but I can't guarantee you're going to run again,'" recalls Astley, 68, of Brighton.

"I told him, 'I'm going to run again and I'm going to run the Boston Marathon again.' He said, 'I hope it works out.' He looked like, 'I don't think that's going to happen, dude.'"

Astley was already a veteran of five Boston Marathons when he ventured out for a 38-mile bike ride, a preferred means of low-impact cross-training, in June 2017.

He was a half-mile from home, riding on Hyne Road near Brighton Airport, when his road bike was clipped from behind by a Ford F-150 truck. Astley was sent flying.

He sustained a spiral break in his tibia and his foot was pointing in the wrong direction.

The driver stopped briefly, then left the scene without checking on Astley.

"At that point, you're not really paying attention much, but other people who got there said he was looking out his mirror and after a while just darted out," Astley said. "Nobody got his plate, because they thought because he pulled over, he was going to get out."

With a titanium bar inserted from his knee down to his foot, Astley began the process of proving the experts wrong.

He was running again within two months, starting at "ground zero," as he put it.

By September of that year, he wanted to register for the 2018 Boston Mar-

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**Graham Astley** Brighton Marathon runner to his doctor after hit-and-run accident in 2017

thon, but heeded his doctor's advice and didn't sign up during the small registration window.

Instead, he ran the 2018 Bayshore and Charlevoix marathons, which take place soon after Boston.

"I made up my mind, no matter what happens, unless I find it absolutely impossible for whatever reason, that I was going to run again," Astley said. "I wasn't going to take 'no' for an answer."

Astley returned to Boston in 2019 and ran his seventh Boston Marathon on Monday, finishing 69th out of 364 runners in the men's 65-69 age group with a time of 3 hours, 52 minutes and 13 seconds.

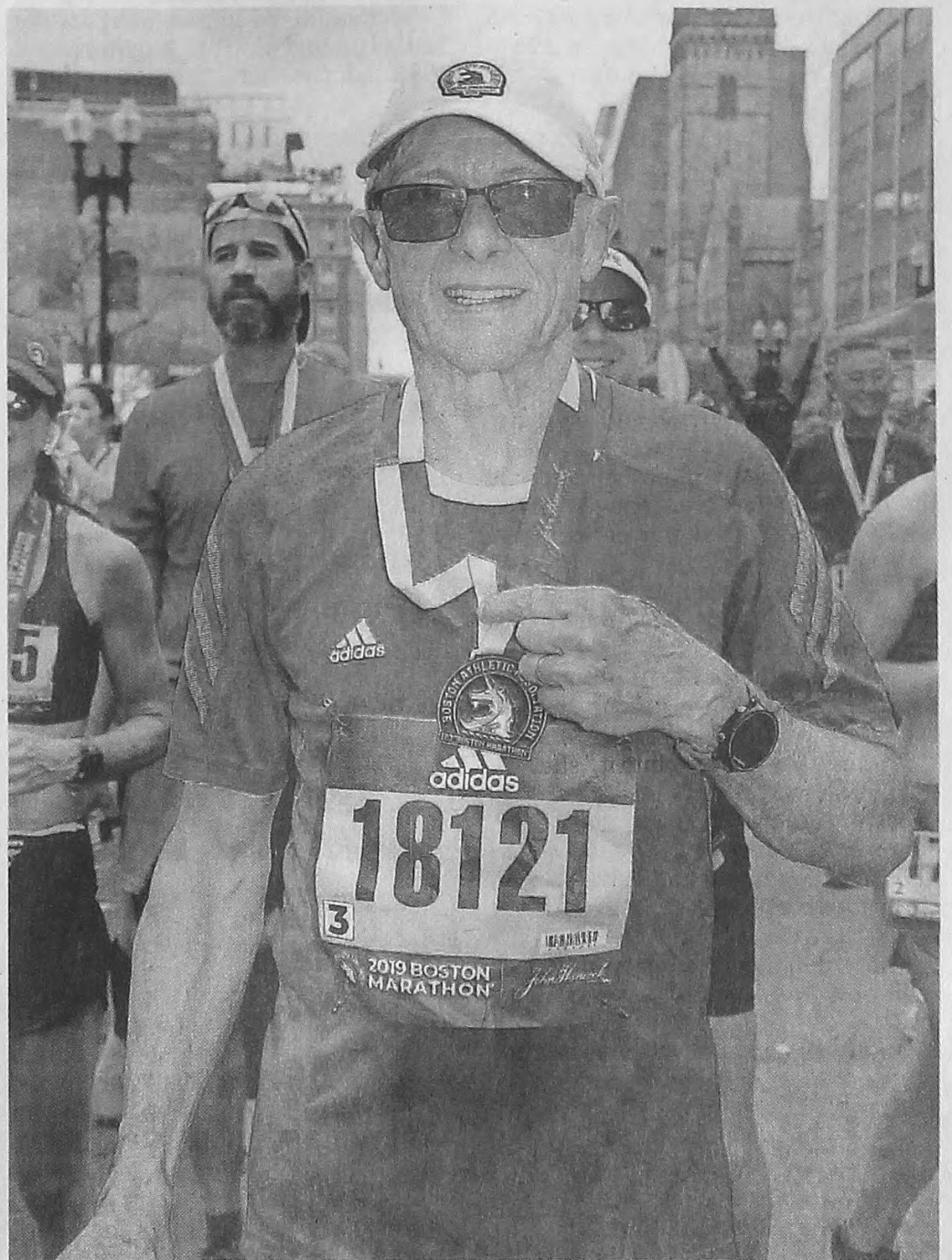
Because of COVID concerns, it was the first Boston Marathon to take place in the fall. It is typically run the third Monday of April.

"It was really pretty, because of the trees," Astley said. "It's the first time I've run it with anything up in the trees. Normally in April, there's nothing there except maybe some buds or something. It was something really pretty to see right at the color change."

Astley ran Boston for the first time in 2013, having qualified at the 2012 Lansing Marathon with a time of 3:52:48 in his first marathon.

He's run every Boston except 2018 since then.

"It's the coolest race in the world," he said. "If you look throughout the world, there are all kinds of little towns who



Graham Astley of Brighton was told he would not run again after being hit by a truck while cycling in 2017. He ran two marathons the next year. COURTESY

have running groups of 30, 40, 50, 60 people. In all those running groups, almost everybody's goal is to get to Boston. Typically, in a group of like 60 people, maybe four or five actually make it.

"If you consider what Boston is, it's those five people from race groups all over the world. You're talking the fastest runners in the world. Boston, there's no other marathon like it."

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# QB nearly perfect in Brighton win over Plymouth

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CANTON — Brighton junior Colin McKernan had his best passing performance of the season, throwing only one incomplete pass Friday night in a 35-6 victory over winless Plymouth.

McKernan was 14-for-15 for 251 yards and two touchdowns.

He leads Livingston County with 1,162 passing yards and is tied for first with 11 touchdown passes.

"McKernan did a great job spreading the ball around tonight," Brighton coach Brian Lemons said. "He managed the

game really well. It was a little bit of a breakout game for Matt McKeown."

McKeown caught touchdown passes of 22 and 37 yards in the second quarter to give the Bulldogs a 28-0 halftime lead.

Two touchdown runs by Carson Shrader gave Brighton a 14-0 lead.

A 36-yard run by Jake Gregorich extended the Bulldogs' lead to 35-0 in the third quarter.

Gregorich finished with 103 yards on only six carries.

Andrew Stewart had his second interception of the season for Brighton (4-3).

# Hartland junior produces encore performance against Northville

Bill Khan Livingston Daily  
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NORTHVILLE — Hartland junior Joey Mattord has thrived with a greater workload the past two weeks.

Mattord carried the football 27 times for 250 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 38-19 victory over Northville on Friday.

The previous week, Mattord ran 29 times for 296 yards and four touchdowns against Howell.

Before that, he didn't have more than 15 carries or 106 yards in a game this season.

"It has a lot to do with the offensive line," Hartland coach Brian Savage said. "They're coming along and doing well. Joey's finding creases. He's a phenomenal back. He's just taking advantage of some good blocking in front of him right now."

"He's definitely the running back right now. He's kind of the workhorse guy."

Mattord's touchdowns came on runs of 43 and 38 yards in the second half after Hartland went into halftime leading 10-3.

The highlight of the first half for Hartland was a 53-yard field goal by LSU-bound Nathan Dibert.

According to performances listed by the MHSAA, the kick tied the Livingston County record of 53 yards set by Howell's Craig Heger against Novi on Sept. 14, 2007.

It was the third field goal of at least 50 yards by Dibert this season.

His kick tied the score 3-3 in the second quarter before Ben Baker put Hartland on top with a 27-yard touchdown

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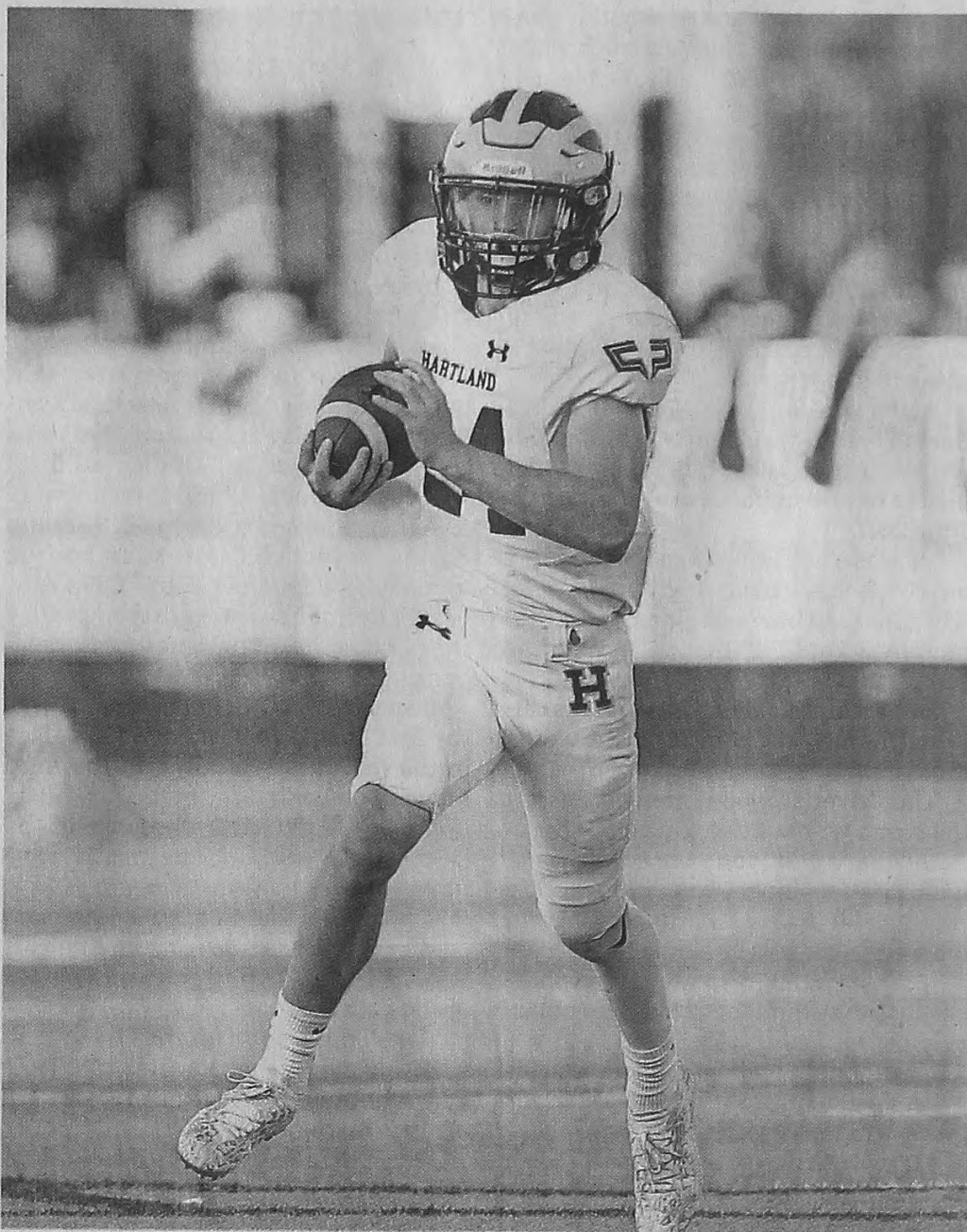
run before halftime.

Jaxson Wilson caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Brad Sollom and Gabe Warr caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Sam Clay in the second half.

Clay also grabbed his seventh interception of the season.

Northville was a potential trap game for the Eagles, who were coming off a big rivalry victory over a previously undefeated Howell team and who have a battle for the KLAA West championship next Friday against Canton at home.

Hartland is 6-1 overall, 5-1 in the KLAA West. Canton and Howell are each 5-1 in the KLAA West. Hartland would win the division with a victory.

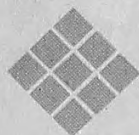


Hartland's Joey Mattord ran for 250 yards and two touchdowns in a 38-19 victory over Northville. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

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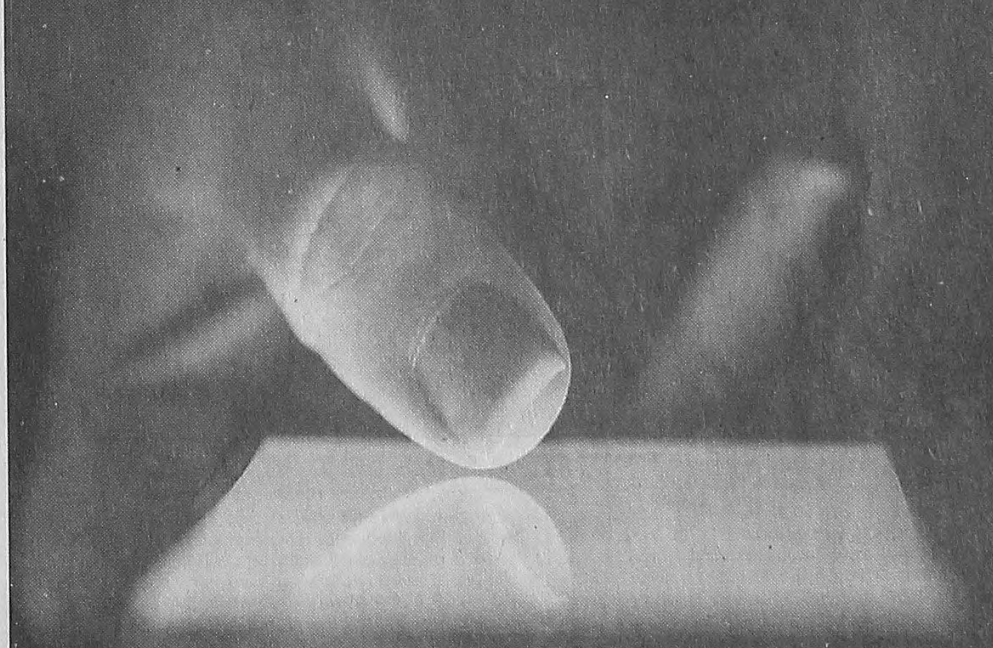
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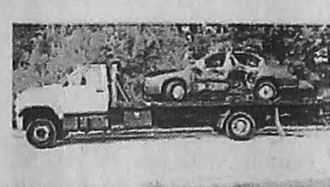
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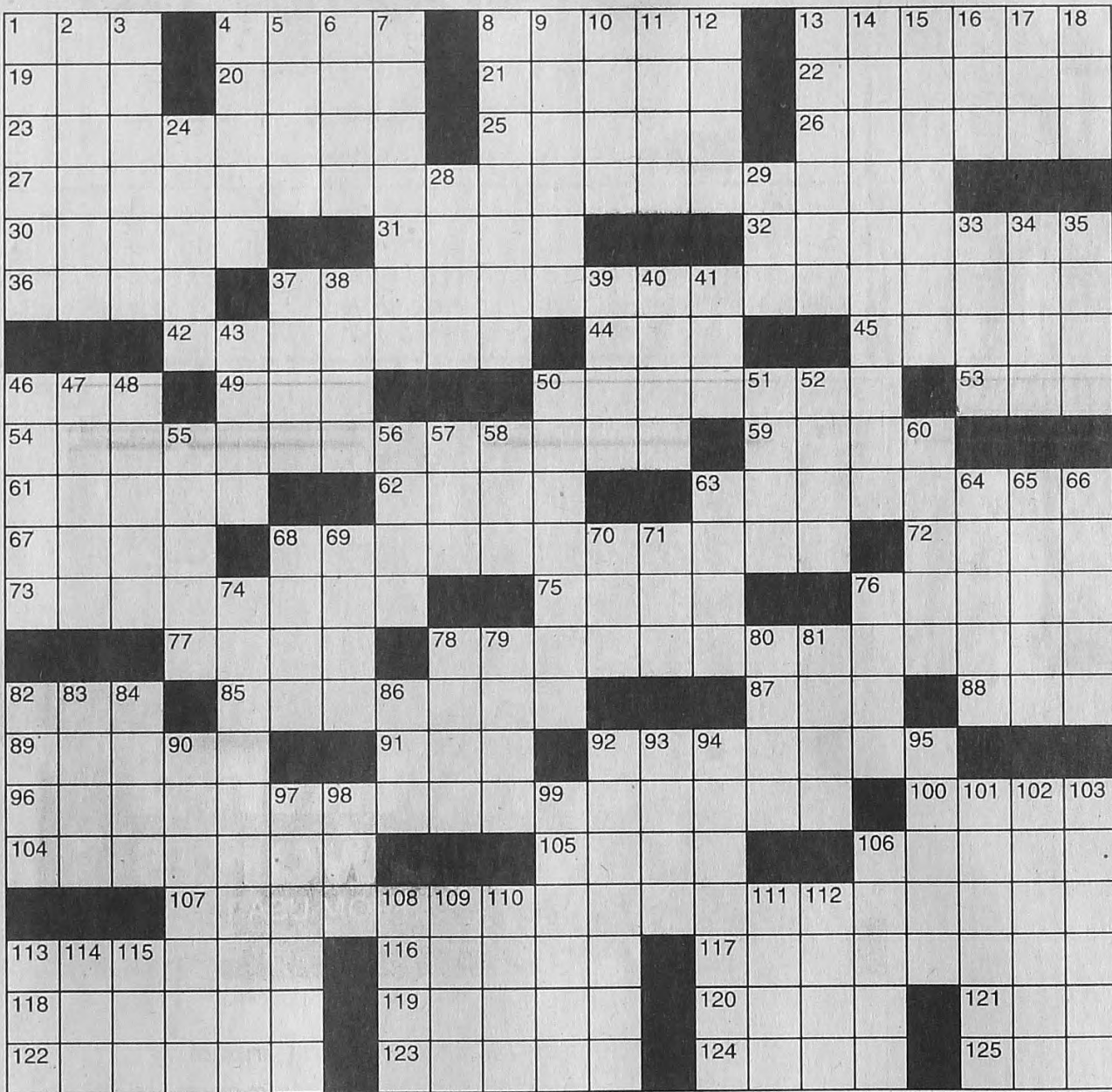
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  - 4 Bacteria-growing gel
  - 8 Crevices
  - 13 Having the most wisdom
  - 19 Glasgow refusal
  - 20 "Space Ghost" cartoonist
  - 21 Actress Kemper of "The Office"
  - 22 Swollen and distended
  - 23 Central North Carolina city
  - 25 747, say
  - 26 Often-used expressions
  - 27 Start of a riddle
  - 30 "Three Times —" (1978 hit song)
  - 31 Hay unit
  - 32 Be in great anguish
  - 36 Trainee, e.g.
  - 37 Riddle, part 2
  - 42 Diplomat's skill
  - 44 Former NBAer Ming
  - 45 Gets wrinkles out of
  - 46 See 71-Down
  - 49 1930s-'40s prez
  - 50 Church vestibule
  - 53 Classical intro?
  - 54 Riddle, part 3
  - 59 It may take the cake
  - 61 "— Sexy" (1992 #1 hit song)
  - 62 Clapton of rock
  - 63 Bernstein's "Candide," for one
  - 67 Early Oscar winner
  - 68 Riddle, part 4
  - 72 Fought (for)
  - 73 Look for a therapist, say
  - 75 Poi base
  - 76 River mouth deposit
  - 77 Go via boat
  - 78 Riddle, part 5
  - 82 "— culpa!"
  - 85 How a winding path proceeds
  - 87 Part of RBI or ERA
  - 88 Dir. from Ariz. to Ky.
  - 89 Dazzling success
  - 91 Despot Amin
  - 92 Gives a hand
  - 96 End of the riddle
  - 100 "Woe is me!"
  - 104 "The Mummies' Dance" singer
  - 105 No longer relevant
  - 106 Classic arcade name
  - 107 Riddle's answer
  - 113 All-terrain military vehicle
  - 116 Clipped, as a sheep
  - 117 Many a magic trick
  - 118 Give support
  - 119 Sizable
  - 120 Sulky state
  - 121 Malt product
  - 122 Some online greetings
  - 123 Possessed
  - 124 Gl's "lullaby"
  - 125 Longest river of Scotland
  - 6 Razor option
  - 7 Certain parallelogram
  - 8 Drive back
  - 9 "Maybe"
  - 10 Shortcoming
  - 11 Ex-Yankee
  - 12 Appear
  - 13 Miserly
  - 14 Sound engineer's console
  - 15 Smiling one
  - 16 Swelled head
  - 17 Resident of a gaming "City"
  - 18 NFL scores
  - 24 "It's the — an era"
  - 28 Rowboat pair
  - 29 Satisfied sigh
  - 33 Victor's gloat
  - 34 "Titanic" actor
  - 35 Petro-Canada rival
  - 37 Time — half
  - 38 Square type
  - 39 Meg of "I.Q."
  - 40 Three feet
  - 41 "Poppycock!"
  - 43 "Should that be true ..."
  - 46 Brown, Penn and Harvard
  - 47 "The Silence of the Lambs" director
  - Jonathan
  - 48 Shaw of swing
  - 50 "Valiant attempt!"
  - 51 Aspiration
  - 52 Just-prior periods
  - 55 Egg middles
  - 56 Work fill-in
  - 57 Goya's gold
  - 58 Cedar cousin
  - 60 "Fat chance!"
  - 63 — about (close to)
  - 64 Mark in "piñata"
  - 65 "Grand" Rockies peak
  - 66 Wise saying
  - 68 Herr's "no" (real)
  - 79 Lena of "Havana"
  - 80 Grand — (auto race)
  - 81 Drive out
  - 82 Whine like a baby
  - 83 Yodeling comeback
  - 84 Banned orchard spray
  - 86 Currency of Laos
  - 90 Dined at someone else's place
  - 92 Embellished
  - 93 Haughty sort
  - 94 Band's lineup of gig songs
  - 95 Fills up
  - 97 "Gas Food Lodging" director
  - Allison
  - 98 Tennis player
  - Shriver
  - 99 Appear
  - 101 Lasso
  - 102 Colorful ring of anatomy
  - 103 Writer Sheldon
  - 106 Lies against
  - 108 Port of Norway
  - 109 Turn to liquid
  - 110 Trumpet, e.g.
  - 111 Forearm part
  - 112 Radar image
  - 113 Color tone
  - 114 Scanned market ID
  - 115 Deg. for many an exec



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

## SUDOKU

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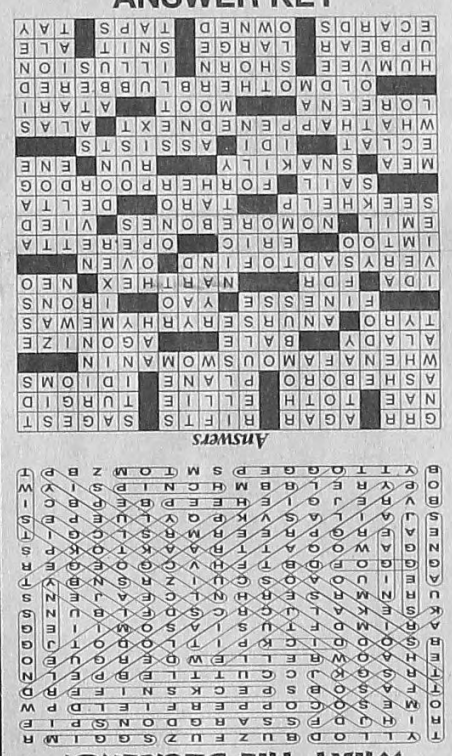
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## ANSWER KEY

- AGNES
- ARTFUL DODGER
- BARKIS
- BETSY
- BOB
- BUCKET
- BUZFUZ
- CALEB
- CARKER
- CHARLES
- COPPERFIELD
- CUTTLE
- DICK
- DOLLY
- DOMBEY
- DORA
- DORRIT
- FAGIN
- FANG
- FIPS
- FLITE
- FOGG
- FOSS
- GAMP
- HEEP
- JAGGERS
- JENNY
- JOB
- JOSH
- JUPE
- KROOK
- MAGWITCH
- MIGGS
- MOULD
- NICKLEBY
- NOGGS
- OLIVER
- OMER
- PECKSNIFF
- PEGGOTTY
- PINCH
- PIP
- PRIG
- PROSS
- SCROOGE
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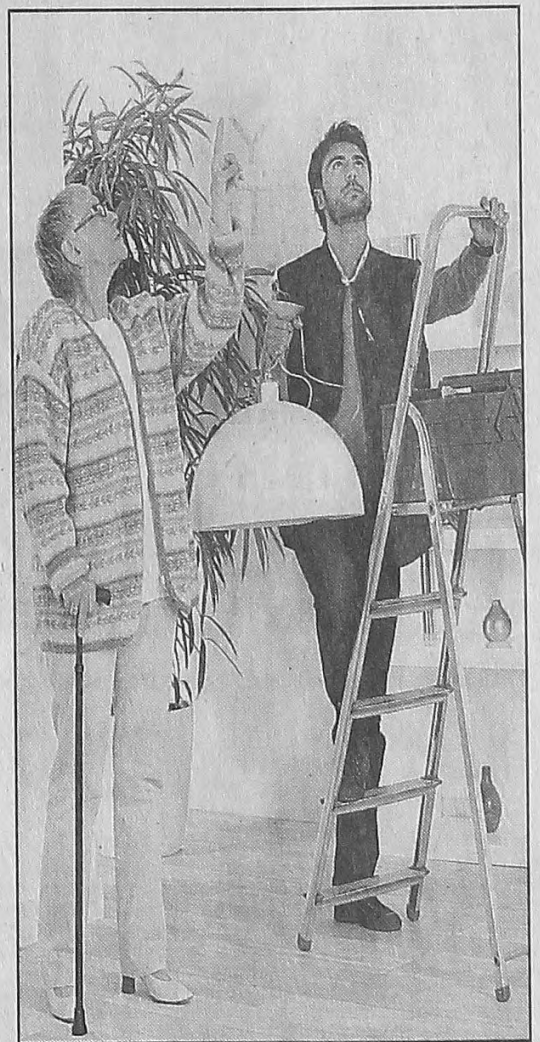


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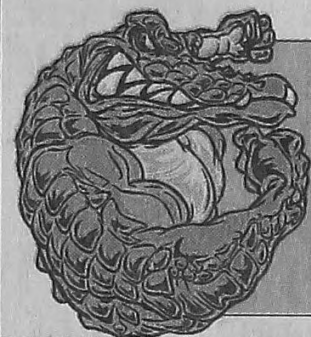
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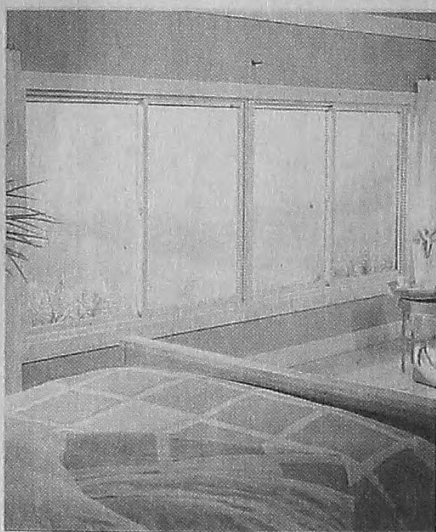
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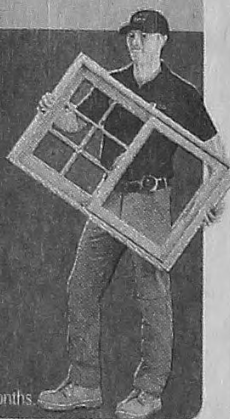
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